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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886) DATE: 5-21-68

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles airtel to Director, 5-14-68, transmitting a copy of a letter from [redacted] in which she suggested as "professional Leftists who use the Negro cause"..."the BRADENS, the Southern Patriot, 3210 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky." and "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), 822 Perdido St., New Orleans, Louisiana."

Referenced airtel suggested that interview of CARL and ANNE BRADEN for any information they might have concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING be considered.

CARL and ANNE BRADEN, [redacted] Louisville, Ky. and currently head the Louisville based Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), formerly of New Orleans, La., which organization publishes the "Southern Patriot", as its official organ.

> SCEF is successor to the HCUA-cited Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) and has long been active in the integration and civil rights fields. Currently, SCEF is active in the so-called "peace movement."

The BRADENS have twice been indicted under Kentucky Sedition Statutes (1954 and 1967). In 1954, CARL BRADEN was convicted and served 8 months of a 15-year sentence before being released on $40,000 appeal bond. [redacted]

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On both occasions the Kentucky Sedition Statutes under which the BRADENS were prosecuted were held to be unconstitutional.

CARL BRADEN also served approximately 9 months on a year and a day sentence for contempt of Congress. The contempt conviction grew out of his refusal to answer questions before a Congressional investigating committee in 1958.

The BRADENS have been interviewed on one occasion in connection with a civil rights matter in which they had an interest. [redacted]

Any interview with the BRADENS should have sound investigative basis, and it is felt that they should not be interviewed unless they can be questioned re specific, pertinent matters concerning which they might logically be expected to have information.

If an interview with them gave the impression that they were suspected of being implicated in the assassination of Dr. KING, or that the FBI was engaged in a fishing expedition, they would quickly seize upon the situation to ridicule and otherwise criticize the FBI for floundering in the investigation.

If there are specific, pertinent matters concerning which the BRADENS should be interviewed in connection with this case, Louisville will conduct such interview.

[redacted] it is felt that Bureau authorization should be obtained prior to conducting such interview.